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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

This September – You Can Be the Hero

Anchorage, Alaska – The State of Alaska Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) has committed to participate in National Preparedness Month to emphasize emergency and disaster preparedness throughout the State of Alaska. Founded after 9/11, September is a great time to make sure you have the necessary tools to survive an emergency or disaster. Emergencies and disasters will happen, but taking action now will help minimize damage and impact on your life and property.

Readiness is a shared responsibility, and the office of DHS&EM urges all residents to make the pledge to “be prepared” this month. You can be the hero with simple planning steps and activities. Get started by visiting [“Ready.gov/pledge”](http://Ready.gov/pledge) Download a family emergency plan. Easy emergency kit checklists and information are available. Don’t forget your pets, their emergency planning information is included too.

Preparedness is extremely effective. So take the time now to prepare. Whether earthquake, flood, fire, winter or sea storm, you can be ready.

For more information go to: [“Ready.Gov/Alaska](http://Ready.Gov/Alaska) or [“Muni.org/departments/oem”](http://Muni.org/departments/oem) or

[“State of Alaska – Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Preparedness”](#)

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